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Public Service Commission of South Carolina  
ATT: Docketing Dept.  
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Columbia, SC 29211

This letter serves as my objection to SCE&G being granted their request for an almost 10% rate hike at a time of economic struggle unparalleled since the depression.

SCE&G was approved for a 4.4 percent rate hike in 2008 and approved for a 2.5 percent rate increase annually for the next decade following this increase.

This new rate hike will boost residential power bills for the average SCE&G customer by about \$140 a year by July 2011.

SCE&G has higher rates than other investor-owned utilities, as well as publicly owned Santee-Cooper. Duke Power customers pay \$93.00 per 1,000 kilowatt hours following its recent rate increase. For SCE&G, the same level of power costs \$118. This rate increase, if granted, would put it at \$130.

It seems that SCE&G is consistently asking for a rate increase and they are granted. I believe the Public Service Commission of South Carolina should start looking after the people rather than the company. Not only does SCE&G get their rate increases granted they also get tax payer dollars to expand. Maybe they need to start paying for their expansions out of their own pockets not ours.

Regards,



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